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SUBJECT: UN PROGRAM BUDGET

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1. THE 28TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS CONSIDERING THE APPROPRIATION OF DOLS. 541.8 MILLION FOR ITS FIRST BUDGET IN A BIENNIAL FORM, COVERING EXPENDITURES FOR 1974 AND 1975. THIS LEVEL IS ABOUT 25 PERCENT HIGHER THAN THE PREVIOUS TWO YEAR TOTAL. THE 28TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS ALSO APPROPRIATING A 1973 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT OF DOLS. 8.2 MILLION, WHICH WILL BE ADDED TO THE MEMBERS' ASSESSMENTS FOR 1974.

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2. USG FINDS INCREASE OF THIS MAGNITUDE UNACCEPTABLE IN

THE CONTEXT OF THE OBVIOUS NEED FOR AUSTERITY AT A TIME WHEN THE UN DEFICIT IS STILL INCREASING EVERY YEAR, WHEN ITS CASH LIQUIDITY SHORTAGE IS UNRESOLVED, AND WHEN MEMBERS ARE BEING CALLED UPON TO MEET LARGE PEACEKEEPING ASSESSMENTS IN ADDITION TO THEIR REGULAR ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS. THE GROWTH IN PROGRAM EXPENDITURES INDICATES A LACK OF FISCAL PRUDENCE ESPECIALLY ON THE PART OF MEMBER STATES WHO HAVE RESISTED ACABQ ECONOMIES AND SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS WHO HAVE LOBBIED AGAINST ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. THE UNITED STATES HAS RECEIVED THE BENEFIT OF THE REDUCTION OF ITS ASSESSMENT RATE FROM 31.52 PERCENT TO

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25 PERCENT. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT FEEL THAT THIS REDUCTION PERMITS US TO BE INDIFFERENT TO THE GROWTH IN THE BURDEN CARRIED BY OTHER MEMBERS. WE HAVE NOT BEEN OPPOSED TO NEW PROGRAMS AND CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT NEW AND FULLY JUSTIFIED PROGRAMS SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE BUDGET. BUT WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THESE NEW PROGRAMS COULD HAVE BEEN OFFSET BY THE ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION OF OLDER PROGRAMS OF LESSER PRIORITY.

4. WE BELIEVE FURTHER THAT IN THE FACE OF THE GRAVITY OF THE DETERIORATING FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD CONTINUE TO KEEP EXPENDITURES WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ANTICIPATED INCOME. THE CRITICAL ISSUE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS IN THIS REGARD IS THE RETENTION OF THE PUBLIC SUPPORT THAT IS SO VITAL IF THE ORGANIZATION IS TO CONTINUE TO FULFILL ITS FUNCTIONS AND REGAIN A MEASURE OF FINANCIAL HEALTH.

5. BECAUSE FOREGOING CONSIDERATIONS OF FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY HAVE NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY UPHELD IN THE CURRENT BUDGETARY PROCESS, THE UNITED STATES CANNOT SUPPORT THE PROPOSED 1974-75 BIENNIAL PROGRAM BUDGET. BEARING IN MIND MISSION COMMENTS (REFTEL) AND LIKELY ABSTENTIONS OF BRITISH AND FRENCH, USDEL SHOULD ABSTAIN ON UN BUDGET AS A WHOLE. RUSH

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